



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT application of:)
Masaaki HIROKI et al.) Art Unit: 2814
Serial No. 08/943,238) Examiner: S. Rao
Filed: October 1, 1997)
For: ELECTRO-OPTICAL DEVICE)

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
AND NOTIFICATION OF RELATED APPLICATIONS

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, it is requested that the reference(s) listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record in the above-identified application.

Further, pursuant to Applicant's duty of candor under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants wish to inform the Examiner of the following applications claiming related subject matter and hereby submit copies of the following applications for the Examiner's consideration:

<u>SERIAL NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>INVENTORS</u>
09/344,373	June 25, 1999	Yamazaki et al.
09/233,145	January 19, 1999	Yamazaki et al.
09/300,596	April 28, 1999	Hiroki et al.
90/005,691	March 31, 2000	Yamazaki

Reexamination application No. 90/005,691 may relate the use of a leveling film and a configuration of contact holes. Applicants respectfully ask the Examiner to carefully review JP 55-32026, filed October 5, 2000, which was relied upon by the Examiner of this reexamination application.

Copies of the references are submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a). The requisite fee of \$180.00 is also submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c).


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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17, 1.20(a), 1.20(b), 1.20(c), and 1.20(d) (except the Issue Fee) which may be required now or hereafter, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2380 (740756-1724).

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